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House Resolution No. 1653

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which play a very active, important role in the safety of others; and

Whereas, all motorcycle organizations, clubs, dealerships, groups, and highway safety officials in Missouri are encouraged to join with Freedom of Road Riders, Incorporated, of Missouri and concerned citizens in actively promoting motorcycle safety and awareness during the month of May 2004; and

Whereas, motorcycle riding is a popular form of transportation for millions of people across this great state and nation; and

Whereas, Missouri has over 98,000 registered motorcycles, more than 300 motor-tricycles, and nearly 300,000 individuals who have valid operator and chauffeurs license with a motorcycle endorsement; and

Whereas, the safe operation of a motorcycle requires the use of special skills developed through a combination of training and experience, good judgment, and a thorough knowledge of traffic laws and licensing regulations; and

Whereas, the Freedom of Road Riders Motorcycle Awareness and You campaign is an attempt to prevent accidents, injuries, and fatalities associated with motorcycling by encouraging motorcycle operators to participate in rider education programs, wear the proper apparel, and operate their vehicle defensively according to the rules of the road; and

Whereas, the Motorcycle Awareness and You campaign is also intended to heighten the awareness of motorcycle safety and to encourage other motor vehicle operators to share the roadways by being observant and cautious of motorcycles, especially during the seasonal return of motorcyclists to the streets and highways of Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the efforts of Freedom of Road Riders of Missouri and to extend to its members our best wishes for success in promoting their Motorcycle Awareness and You campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Freedom of Road Riders, Incorporated, of Missouri.

Offered b	y
	Representative Larry Crawford
	District No. 117
	Representative Brian Pratt
	District No. 55

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1653, adopted April 13, 2004.